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bills are vetoed by the Governor, I'd just bring them back next year and hope that he doesn't get re-elected. (Laugh) I'll have a more reasonable Governor who will sign the bills. But I'm going to deliver on the promise I made to my colleagues to make a list of all the bills I have pending so, if at any point you want to kill 'em, I want to set the targets out for The Governor has the wherewithal to determine which bills vou. each one of us will have. If bills that mean as much to me as they do are on the table because, at this point when we have an action to place as a Legislature, I think it's important for us to place it, I'm not going to let what might happen down the road stop me from doing what I should do now. I don't even believe in the hereafter and maybe I'll be fortunate if there is none, but the important thing for me is what I do now, because I may not be here tomorrow for some reason or the other. things that govern what we do today, because they're off in the future and they might occur or they might not, should not affect us on a vote such as this. I do not see in that package a program' remaining which I think does not justify funding. amount, the total amount is nothing. The big chunk that the Governor vetoed out is not even on the table for us to override. We might be few in number this evening, but there are enough of us to override. And I do not believe anybody has anything more stake than I have. I don't believe there is a bill more important than the DNA bill or the one that would provide the comprehensive medical treatment for inmates. I do care a great deal about the welfare of people who are locked up. And some people might say, what right do I have to risk not getting a program put in place that would benefit those inmates? I don't weigh things in that manner, other people might. The thing for me to do is that which is confronting me at the moment I have to place an action. The only thing confronting me now is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...whether I will vote to override or not. And I'm reminding the Governor and others of those bills so that nobody can say, well yes, it's easy for you to vote to override, because you don't have anything at stake. That's what people always tell me. I'm the only one who has a neck to risk because if my neck gets chopped it's of no consequence to me. Well, I